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The Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner McGarry:

Thank you for the Office Action dated Mar 28, 2001. Please consider these amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method for detecting the presence of or predisposition to an ectodermal disorder comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting the presence of a human TAJ gene or gene product in a cell of a host predetermined to be at elevated risk of having or being predisposed to a particular ectodermal disorder; and

(b) correlating the presence of the TAJ gene or gene product with a presence of or predisposition to [an] the ectodermal disorder.

9. (Amended) A method for modulating the functional expression of a TAJ gene or gene product in a cell comprising the step(s) of:

contacting a cell of a host predetermined to be at elevated risk of having or being

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